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Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
AB 104- Battery to an officer in a court in a tribal proceeding

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Committee Members -

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of AB 104, relating to battery to an officer in a court in a tribal proceeding

The Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations is directed to study issues related to American Indians and the American Indian tribes and bands in the state. The committee is comprised of representatives of all the tribes in Wisconsin as well as legislators from both houses of the legislature. I'm honored to serve as chair of this committee.

Over the course of several months, the State-Tribal Relations Committee worked together to recommend 6 bills for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council Committee. Before you today is one of the six bills that was recommended for introduction.

Current law, provides state protections for certain tribal court officers, such as a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officers. AB 104 simply extends to a tribal court the same enhanced criminal penalties that apply to a state court proceeding with regard to intentionally causing or threatening to cause bodily harm to an officer of the court, or a member of that officer's family, if the harm or threat is in response to an action taken by the officer in his or her official capacity in certain types of court proceedings.

Once again, thank you for holding a public hearing on this important piece of legislation. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.